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## President Clinton Announces Proposal to Remove American Bald Eagle From Endangered Species List

At a White House ceremony July 2, President Bill Clinton marked the culmination of a three-decade effort to protect and recover America's national symbol by announcing the Service's proposal to remove the American bald eagle from the list of threatened and endangered species.

"The American bald eagle is now back from the brink of extinction, thriving in virtually every state of the union," President Clinton said. "I can think of no better way to honor the birth of our nation than by celebrating the rebirth of our proudest living symbol."

When America adopted the bird as its national symbol in 1782, as many as 100,000 nesting bald eagles lived in the continental United States, excluding Alaska. By 1963, only 417 nesting pairs were found in the lower 48.

Today, due to recovery efforts by the Service and its partners in other federal agencies, tribes, state and local governments, conservation organizations, universities, corporations and thousands of individual Americans, this number has risen to an estimated 5,748 nesting pairs.

"Today the American bald eagle is back. The bald eagle joins a growing list of other once-imperilled species that are on the road to recovery, including the peregrine falcon and the Columbian white-tailed deer," said Interior Department Secretary Bruce Babbitt.

The Service's proposal to delist the bald eagle will be published in the Federal Register July 6, 1999. The public



**Talking Eagles.** President Bill Clinton visits with invited guests—including the bald eagle "Challenger," following the announcement on the White House lawn. Joining the President are, from left: Jody Millar, Service Bald Eagle

Recovery Team leader, Al Cecere, National Foundation to Protect America's Eagles, members of the Anocostia Earth Conservation Corps and Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior. (Photo by Joan Guilfoyle)

may comment on the proposal in writing until (October 5, 1999) Comments should be sent to Jody Millar at 4469 48th Avenue Court, Rock Island, IL 61201 or through the Service website at [www.fws.gov](http://www.fws.gov). A final decision is expected in July 2000.

If the bald eagle is delisted, the Service would work with state wildlife agencies to monitor the status of the species for a minimum of five years, as required by the Endangered Species Act. At any time it becomes evident that the bird again needs the Act's protection, the Service would relist the species.

If delisted, the eagle would remain

protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act. Both laws prohibit the taking, killing, possession, transportation of eagles except under specific, limited circumstances authorized by the Department of the Interior.

"It is fitting that we close out this century with such a great tribute to America's commitment to conserving our natural heritage," Babbitt said. "Generations to come will not just see bald eagles on our coins, stamps and flag poles; they will be able to look up in the sky and see our national symbol flying overhead." (Kim Mitchell, R3 ES & Service News Release)

# Service Partners With Tribes to Restore Walleye at Kentuck Lake in Northern Wisconsin

Service fishery staff from the Ashland Fishery Resource Office and Genoa National Fish Hatchery are joining with the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC) other tribal hatcheries in a project to reverse declining walleye populations on Kentuck Lake in northern Wisconsin.

For several years the number of male walleye in Kentuck Lake have been dwindling. The reason for the decline and poor recruitment have remained a mystery.

This walleye fishery is very important to the Tribal members who have used this resource for many years. This restoration project also involves the efforts of the Red Cliff, Mole Lake and Lac du Flambeau Tribal Fish Hatcheries. All the agencies have had a part in the planning the project, which aims to restore natural recruitment to the lake by using milt (sperm) collected from male walleyes

at nearby Butternut lake to fertilize the eggs collected from Kentuck Lake females. The resulting walleye fry and fingerlings will then be stocked back into Kentuck Lake.

The GLIFWC is the primary resource agency involved with this walleye restoration project and has been involved in every stage of its development. Once the fry and fingerlings are ready for transfer, the GLIFWC will provide the staff and equipment to transfer them to Kentuck Lake. The GLIFWC has also purchased oxytetracycline (OTC) that will be used as a means to mark the fish for later identification.

Because male walleye were not available from Kentuck Lake, the Ashland FRO collected milt from 75 walleyes collected at Butternut Lake. The milt was used to fertilize the eggs collected from Kentuck Lake females. Frank Stone has been issued a permit to use OTC and has coordinated this

phase of the marking program.

Red Cliff and Mole Lake Tribal Fish Hatcheries provided staff and equipment for the first two weeks of egg incubation until the eggs began to hatch. The four day old fry were shipped to Genoa NFH and Lac du Flambeau Tribal Fish Hatchery, who are providing pond rearing space. When the fish reach 2-6 inches in length they will be shipped to Kentuck Lake. The effort will continue through the fall of 1999, however, walleye restoration efforts may take several years until natural recruitment levels to increase.

The Service, GLIFWC and the many Tribal resource agencies involved are committed to monitoring the resource in hopes of bringing the walleye back to Kentuck Lake. (Frank Stone, Ashland FRO) Service Partners With Tribes to Restore Walleye at Kentuck Lake in Northern Wisconsin (*Frank Stone, Ashland FRO*)

## Horicon Marsh Migratory Bird Festival Attracts 2,000 Visitors

Horicon NWR helped sponsor the Horicon Marsh Bird Festival, May 7-9 in celebration of International Migratory Bird Day.

Approximately 2,000 people attended the event, which included a reception for local K-12 winners of the Wisconsin Federal Junior Duck Stamp Contest. Seventy people enjoyed Tim Eisele's slide show, "Ding's Darling," and a free drawing for prizes including a signed and numbered Jim Hautman print of his 1996 winning federal duck stamp.

The refuge also hosted "Wild Things!" activities for kids of all ages at the rustic Environmental Education Barn. With a focus on

birds, youth dissected owl pellets, borrowed binoculars for guided bird hikes, enjoyed a marsh scavenger hunt, and more.

Other event highlights included numerous guided hikes, tours, field trips, demonstrations, talks, exhibits, and art displays and the identification of 132 species of birds.

Partners included Wisconsin DNR, Marsh Haven Nature Center, Horicon Marsh Bird Club, Horicon Marsh Area Coalition, four chambers of commerce, Blue Heron Landing, Midwest Interpretive Association, Wild Bird Center, and Wisconsin Society for Ornithology. (*Molly Stoddard, Horicon NWR*)

## Necedah NWR to Sponsor Wisconsin Conservation Crew

The Necedah NWR has been selected as a work site sponsor for a Wisconsin Conservation Corp crew for one year beginning July 6.

This job training program for young adults consist of four crew members and a crew leader. The crew will complete surveys, band waterfowl, construct visitor facilities, set up timber harvests, and clear firebreaks.

The refuge is joined this year by five other local land management organization in the sponsorship.

The crew labor is valued at over \$88,000. (*David Trudeau, Necedah NWR*)



# Marquette Station Biologists Investigating Atlantic Sea Lampreys to Augment Service's Great Lakes Control Effort

The Marquette Biological Station recently began a four year evaluation to determine if Atlantic origin male sea lampreys could be used to augment the supply of sterile males in the Great Lakes.

Previous studies have indicated that Atlantic origin lampreys can be sterilized in the same manner as Great Lakes lampreys.

The Great Lakes Fishery Commission, with its agents, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Department Fisheries and Oceans, Canada, conduct a program of sterile male release to control sea lampreys in the Great Lakes. The full potential of this technique is limited by the supply of lampreys. All sources of Great Lakes lampreys that are technically, logistically, and economically accessible are being utilized.

The Sterile Male Release Technique Task Force and the Fish Health Committee of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission have initiated a four-year protocol to develop a disease profile of sea lampreys in three Atlantic coastal tributaries. The protocol will assure that harmful diseases are not introduced into the Great Lakes.

During 1999-2002, lampreys from the Merrimack River at Lawrence, the Connecticut River at Holyoke, and the Farmington River at Rainbow will be evaluated for disease with assistance from the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection and the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. Collections of 60 animals from each site are being evaluated at the Service's Lamar Fish Health Unit.

The Marquette Biological Station plans to trap lampreys at the Holyoke Dam on the Connecticut River in May



**Great Lakes Parasite.** Sea lampreys are a menace to fish populations on the Great Lakes. During its year-long parasitic phase, the each sea lamprey is capable of killing up to 40 pounds of fish. Among its control methods, the Service captures and sterilizes thousands of male lampreys. The sterilized males compete with normal males for mates and reduce reproductive success. The Service's successful control program helps ensure sport fish rehabilitation on the Great lakes and protect a fishery valued at over \$4 billion. (photos: USFWS and GLIN)

and June 2000. The goal of the study is to determine the feasibility of removing up to 10,000 male lampreys from the Connecticut River at Holyoke.

Objectives of the study are to:

- 1) Determine the lamprey sex ratio
- 2) Obtain a population estimate, and
- 3) Determine the logistics and efficiency of trapping in the Connecticut River.

All captured lampreys will be returned to the river. Population data is needed to assure that the proposed removal of male lampreys will not adversely effect the lamprey population.

Other Commission funded studies

will yield information about the effect of sex ratios and lamprey spawning density on recruitment. Logistics of trapping must be tested in order to assure operations do not interfere with ongoing fish passage operations and to maximize trap efficiency and effort.

Efforts will continue over the next few years to identify and inform appropriate regulatory agencies of the proposal to transfer Atlantic origin lampreys to the Great Lakes.

Field trials and genetic studies are expected to be completed in 2001, with decisions made on feasibility of the project by 2002. (*Michael Twohey Marquette Biological Station*).

# National Fishing Week Events Introduce Hundreds to Refuge Angling Opportunities

## Minnesota Valley Hosts 300 For Youth Fishing Day

More than 300 people, including 130 inner-city youths participated in Youth Fishing Day activities at Minnesota Valley NWR June 7. Held in conjunction with National Fishing Week, the all-day event emphasized fishing education, ethics and safety.

Through the efforts of local partners, each participating youth was furnished with a new fishing rod and reel. A complete walleye meal was served to more than 150 people. More than 50 Refuge volunteers, 12 Regional Office staff and 18 Refuge staffers helped conduct the event. Partners in the event included Bureau Of Indian Affairs, Redlake DNR, 1854 Authority, Holiday Inn, Burger Brothers Outdoor Outfitters, and Cypress Semi Conductor Corporation. (*Jim Bradley, Minnesota Valley NWR*)

## Upper Mississippi Refuges Host 9th Annual Fishing Day

Upper Mississippi River NWFR held the ninth annual National Fishing Day event in Winona, Saturday, June 5. Headquarters and Winona District staffs coordinate the event with help from the La Crosse Fishery Resources Office, the Regional Sign Center and Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge.

Sixty children ages 6 through 12 arrived before 8:00 a.m. looking forward to a day of fun and fishing. Half the kids fished at a local trout pond, sponsored by Trout Unlimited, and half fished the Mississippi River backwaters from boats with experienced anglers.

A group of 30 adults with disabilities also participated. A large, handicapped accessible pontoon boat was provided. Participants were served a hot lunch provided by The Friends of the Upper Mississippi. (*Victoria Drieslein, UMRNW&FR*)

## 'Angling for Fun' at Necedah

On June 12, Necedah NWR hosted its second annual "Angling for Fun" event in conjunction with National Fishing Day. Activities included a casting

contest for kids, open fishing on Goose Pool, a free lunch from Subway, adult seminars, and a look into fisheries research techniques.

Visitors also learned *gyotaku*, the Japanese art of fish printing. Six area sporting goods shops donated contest prizes and door prizes. 46 people attended the event. (*Jennifer Rabuck, Necedah NWR*)

## Kid's Free Fishing Day at Shiawassee NWR

A total of 182 children, aged 16 and under, participated in Kid's Free Fishing Day at the Saginaw Field and Stream Club Lake.

Each registrant was given free fishing tackle and the youngest received an appropriate toy. The children also visited with "Perky" perch, and helped Refuge staff release some stocked fish into the lake. Door prizes and awards for the largest fish caught by boys and girls were presented.

Partners in the event included: Saginaw Field & Stream Club, Mason Tackle Company, Fishing Tackle Grab Bag, Garber Buick-Saginaw, Wickes Lumber-East, Lightning Printing, Universal Sign Co., A.T. Frank Co., Red Wing Shoes, Dick's Sporting Goods, Martin Chevrolet, Ward Building Products and ABO Tent Events. (*Ed DeVries, Shiawassee NWR*)

## Big Stone's Youth Fishing Day Includes Adult Anglers

Approximately 85 youths and 50 adults participated in a Youth Fishing Day June 5, hosted by Big Stone NWR and the Minnesota DNR.

Youths rotated through several stations on various fishing related activities such as fish identification, casting, knot tying and fish printing. Each participant received a grab bag full of fishing paraphernalia, activity booklets and a T-shirt donated by a local business. Lunch was provided by the Ortonville Jaycees.

Other partners included Bud's Bait, Pepsi of Ortonville, Schmidt's Landing/Pro's Choice Tackle, Big Stone Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, Chamberlain's Sporting Goods & Men's Wear, Sonny's

Color Printing and Odessa Rod and Gun Club. (*Bridget Olson, Big Stone NWR*)

## Horicon Hosts Fishing Clinic For 115 Elementary Students

Horicon NWR hosted its fishing clinic on May 25. More than 100 3rd-4th graders, parents and teachers from Belle Reynolds Elementary School, Oakfield, Wis., and 15 students with learning or emotional disabilities from Washington Elementary School, Beaver Dam, Wis. participated. The students enjoyed 10 Pathways to Fishing learning stations at the visitor center in the morning, and fishing at three different marsh sites in the afternoon.

Partners included the Wisconsin DNR, Woods and Water Taxidermy, Leopold Wetland Management District, Beaver Dam Charter School, and several individual refuge volunteers. (*Molly Stoddard, Horicon NWR*)

## Youth Fishing Clinic Attracts 100 Anglers to Mingo NWR

Approximately 100 youths, aged 13 and under, attended a "Pathways To Fishing" clinic put on at Gritman Lake on Mingo NWR. Refuge staff, volunteers, and representatives from several surrounding agencies manned eight stations where youths learned about knot tying, use of baits, aquatic conservation, ethics, fish identification, weighing and measuring fish, and proper fish handling. Each youth was given a "scorecard" that was initialed at each station. When the card was completed it was turned in at the registration desk for a t-shirt and other promotional items. (*Rod Hansen, Mingo NWR*)

## Pendills Creek Joins Seney NWR for Fishing Celebration

Pendills Creek National Fish Hatchery celebrated National Fishing Week at Seney National Wildlife Refuge. Highlights of the event included a Children's Fishing Contest and complimentary fish fry dinner. Informational displays included bio-plastic displays of lake trout, posters and brochures, and an aquarium containing live lake trout fingerlings and broodstock. (*Robert Pos, Pendills Creek NFW*)



## Missouri's Boone County Migration Count Tallies 183 Species, Most in State

The recent Boone County, Missouri, Migration Count once again took state honors for the highest number of species recorded: 183. Fifty-one observers participated in the count which was coordinated by the Columbia Field Office. Species counted included Black Rail,

Fish Crow, Western Sandpiper, 13 species of waterfowl, 11 species of raptors, 16 species of shorebirds, seven species of vireos, 29 species of wood warblers, and 13 species of sparrows. The total of 183 was the third highest ever. (*Paul McKenzie, Columbia ES Field Office*)

## Service Locates and Delivers Fish Distribution Truck For Tribal Hatchery

Service Fishery staff from Ashland Fishery Reserouce Office recently helped transfer a surplus 1986 fish distribution truck from the Welaka NFH, Florida, to the Tribal Fish Hatchery Program at Lac Courte Oreilles (LCO) Indian Reservation in Northern Wisconsin.

The truck is equipped with a 1,000 gallon fish tank plus oxygenation and water recirculating life support systems.

The LCO Tribal Fish Hatchery program paid the travel expenses for Frank Stone of the Ashland FRO to fly to Florida and drive the truck 1,650 miles back to northern Wis.

The Tribe will use the vehicle to help transport hatchery fish to various stocking sites near the Reservation. Over the past nine years the Ashland FRO has arranged for the transfer of several hundred thousand dollars worth of fish distribution trucks, fish hatchery equipment, generators and vehicles to Tribal resource programs in Region 3.

By making surplus equipment transfers like this possible, the Service can prolong the intended use for equipment while freeing up funds by the receiving agency for use in other natural resource areas. (*Frank Stone, Ashland FRO*)

## Wisconsin Man Sentenced for Illegal Harvest of Harrier and Red Tail Hawks

Dennis L. Shepard, a member of the Forest County Potawatomi Indian Tribe, was sentenced June 8, 1999, to one year of supervised probation and fined \$5,000 fine by U.S. Magistrate Patricia Gorrence for his role in the unlawful take and possession of protected migratory birds.

In a plea agreement reached with the U.S. Attorneys Office, Eastern District of Wisconsin, Shepard pled guilty to one misdemeanor count of The Lacey Act, and agreed to forfeit two weapons which were seized earlier by Service law enforcement agents.

Service agents and conservation wardens from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources began the investigation in October of 1996. Officers served a federal search warrant on Shepard's residence in November 1996, where they located the evidence of the illegally taken migratory birds.

Investigators determined that Shepard was using the feathers from protected species (harrier and red tail hawks) to craft indian artifacts and regalia which he later adorned during indian pow-wows. (*Greg Jackson, Madison LE*)

## 16,000 Sterile Sea Lampreys Released Into St. Marys River

*Marquette Station's Lamprey Control Efforts Help Protect \$4 Billion Great Lakes Fishery*

The Service conducts a sea lamprey control program under contract with the Great Lakes Fishery Commission. As part of this integrated pest management program, the Marquette Biological Station recently sterilized over 16,000 male sea lampreys for release into Great Lakes tributaries.

Sterilized male sea lampreys compete with normal males for mates and reduce reproductive success. The sterile male release technique has been used to help control sea lampreys in the St. Marys River and Lake Superior since 1991.

Service personnel and Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans harvested male sea lampreys from tributaries to Lakes Superior, Michigan, Huron and Ontario during their spawning migration. Males were transported to a sterilization facility located at the Lake Huron Biological Station (USGS/BRD) where Service employees sterilized them.

During May, over 12,000 sterile males were released in the St. Marys River and about 4,000 sterile males were released in five study streams in the U.S. and Canada. Normal male and female sea lampreys were also released into eight study streams.

The study is being conducted over a four years to evaluate the effect of sterile male releases. (*Michael Twohey, Marquette Biological Station*)

## Steward Training Helps Protect Piping Plover Nests in Michigan

Twenty-nine people attended this year's Field Training for piping plover stewards co-hosted by the East Lansing Field Office. Representatives from state and federal agencies, non-government organizations and private citizens attended as part of the network of protection piping plover stewards provide throughout the Great Lakes.

Conducted at the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, the training was for stewards that work throughout Michigan and Northern Indiana. Stewards were taught field skills such as piping plover behavior, sex, and color-band identification. Several received the Piping Plover Protocols Notebook with emergency contacts and day-to-day instructions on how to observe and protect piping plovers.

Service law enforcement agents provided an excellent summary of

how and when to record observations and how to involve law enforcement in potential incidents.

Well-trained piping plover stewards provide protection from predators and people on 100 percent of known nests in the Great Lakes.



Piping Plover

Productivity of Great Lakes piping plovers is increased-hatch rates approach 90 percent with our protection efforts.

Partners in the training included the National Park Service, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore and Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, Michigan DNR Parks and Recreation and Wildlife Division, National Audubon Society, Whitefish Point Bird Observatory Universities of Minnesota and Michigan, National Forest Service, Hiawatha National Forest and Private citizens (*Rachel Miller, East Lansing Field Office*)

## Exotic Species Workshop Part of Sportsman's Clinic

Staff from the Alpena Fishery Resource Office led a workshop on exotic species at the recent Hubbard Lake Sportsman's Club Fishery Clinic at Hubbard Lake in Alcona County, Mich. Eighty children under the age of sixteen attended the clinic.

Refuge staff discussed exotic species in the Great Lakes. The round goby, ruffe, rusty crayfish, zebra mussels, and live sea lamprey (provided by the Hammond Bay Biological Station) were displayed and discussed with the children and their parents. The live lamprey were the hit of the workshop.

Other activities included workshops on knot-tying, casting, fish cleaning, and a pool holding rainbow trout and bluegill (purchased by the Sportsman's Club) was available for fishing. (*Heather Enterline, Alpena FRO*)

## Cypress Creek NWR Brings Insect Expo to Cache River Wetlands

Seventy refuge volunteers and staff recently partnered with the Illinois Natural History Survey to conduct Insect Expo 1999 at Shawnee College in southern Ill.

More than 3,000 students, grades K-8, learned about the value of insects and surrounding habitat in the Cache River Wetlands. Refuge staff and volunteers assisted with hands-on activities and learning stations, which also included 25 interactive exhibits.

Insect Expo has been sponsored by the Illinois Natural History Survey for the past four years. Refuge staff partnered with INHS staff to bring the event to southern Illinois-Cache River Wetlands. Other partners in the event included Illinois DNR, NRCS, SWCD, Anna-Jonesboro High School, Century School, Mingo Job Corps and Shawnee Community College (*Elizabeth Jones, Cypress Creek NWR*)

## Breeding Bird Survey Reveals 64 Species on Refuge Prairie

Bob Janssen of the Minnesota Ornithologists Union and Refuge Staff Biologist, Bridget Olson recently completed 48 point counts in Big Stone NWR's remnant prairie tracts to survey breeding birds. Sixteen points per day were completed for each from June 8-10.

Sixty-four species were detected by the point counts. Two State Listed Species of Concern were detected, the American white pelican and the upland sandpiper. Though the pelican is a non-breeder on the Refuge, an up-

land sandpiper nest with four eggs was found.

Eight Region 3 Priority Species were detected; wood duck, mallard, blue-winged teal, American woodcock, black tern, sedge wren, grasshopper sparrow and bobolink.

The point counts allow Refuge biologists to monitor population trends and provide evidence on effects of management actions on grassland nesting birds. (*Bridget Olson, Big Stone NWR*)

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| <p>594. <b>St. Johns/New Madrid Biological Opinion</b><br/>Jane Ledwin, Columbia Field Office</p> <p>595. <b>Upper Mississippi Boat Landing Maintenance</b><br/>Bill Thrune, Upper Miss River NW&amp;FR</p> <p>596. <b>NCIC critical to officer safety and investigations</b><br/>Richard Dickinson, St Paul LE</p> <p>597. <b>Fish Health Inspection at Pendills Creek NFH</b><br/>David D. Radloff, Pendills Creek NFH</p> | <p>598. <b>Pendills Creek NFH National Fishing Week Celebration</b><br/>Robert E. Pos, Pendills Creek NFH</p> <p>599. <b>Students plant trees on Trempealeau NWR</b><br/>Lisa McCurdy, Trempealeau NWR</p> <p>600. <b>Four Pair of Sandhill Cranes Breeding on Refuge</b><br/>Lisa McCurdy, Trempealeau NWR</p> <p>601. <b>Volunteer orientation held at Trempealeau NWR</b><br/>Lisa McCurdy, Trempealeau NWR</p> | <p>602. <b>Leafy Spurge Attack Continues at Trempealeau NWR</b><br/>Lisa McCurdy, Trempealeau NWR</p> <p>603. <b>Initial meeting of the Topeka Shiner Recovery Team</b><br/>Scott Yess, La Crosse FRO</p> <p>604. <b>Mississippi River (Pool 12) Dredge Placement Study</b><br/>Scott Yess, La Crosse FRO</p> <p>605. <b>La Crosse FRO Assists on Four National Fish Day Event</b><br/>Scott Yess, LaCrosse FRO</p> <p>606. <b>Swamp Ecology Course for Teachers</b><br/>Elizabeth Jones, Cypress Creek NWR</p> |
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